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Joint or Additional Director of Medical Services

* 180. *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to appoint a Joint Director or Additional Director to be independently in charge of administrative matters in the office of the Director of Medical Services; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) No. Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Government realise the necessity to appoint an Additional Director to look after administrative matters separately?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The question was put much earlier than the Government's taking a decision to appoint an Additional Director for Medical Education. The Additional Director of Medical Education has since been appointed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE SCARCITY OF KEROSENE OIL IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF MADRAS.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Mr. Chairman, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Food to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation arising from the severe scarcity of kersosene oil in and around the City of Madras.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Mr. Chairman, immediately after the scarcity was felt, the movement of stocks of kerosene with oil companies and with the Agencies of oil companies was restricted as per the direction of the Government and with the arrival of the Soviet Tanker in Madras during the last week of the previous month and release of stocks of kerosene from the Indian Oil Company, the situation eased to a considerable extent.

In regard to actual distribution in the City, kerosene was hitherto supplied against sugar cards. Kerosene cards are being issued from 1st November 1965. The scarcity conditions were due to delayed supplies to main port installations and except for that time lag, there cannot possibly be any delay in the distribution of available supply. In order that the distribution arrangements are not impaired the Government are arranging to obtain a forecast of supplies from the oil companies so that they may plan well in advance.